

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 8, 10 – 19, 25, and 27 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 29 May 2008 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 18 April 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 8, 10 – 19, 25, and 27 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 8, 10 - 19, 25, and 27 are allowed because of the reasons set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed on 18 April 2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD FRANKLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-0669. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alford Kindred can be reached on (571) 272-4037. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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